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ON OCTOBER 9, FONSEC DR. VICTOR GOMEZ BERGEZ ISSUED THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DECLARATION (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

QUOTE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, SEVEN TERRORISTS, HEAVILY ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES, AFTER KIDNAPPING THE DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL SERVICE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN SANTO DOMINGO, VIOLENTLY BROKE INTO THE CONSULATE OF VENEZUELA WHERE THEY HELD CAPTIVE FOR 13 DAYS THE CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL OF VENEZUELA, A SPANISH PRIEST, A CHINESE NATIONAL AND THREE DOMINICANS, IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AMERICAN DIPLOMAT.

IN THE FACE OF THIS SERIOUS CRIMINAL UNDERTAKING, DR. JOAQUIN BALAGUER, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, HANDLED THE CASE WITH EQUANIMITY, TACT, PRUDENCE AND SERENE RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID BLOODSHED AND AT THE SAME TIME PRESERVE PUBLIC ORDER AND THE PRINCIPAL OF AUTHORITY.

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IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY THE PRESENCE OF

THREE WOMEN AMONG THE HOSTAGES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,
MOVED BY PROFOUNDLY HUMANE SENTIMENTS, OPENED THE ROAD SO
THAT THIS ABOMINABLE ACT COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT THE
SLIGHTEST VIOLENCE, GUARANTEEING THE LIFE OF THE HOSTAGES.

THIS CHANCERY SHARES THE OPINION OF THE CHIEF OF STATE
THAT DRASTIC MEASURES OF A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NATURE
MUST BE TAKEN AGAINST THE CRIMINAL AND UNCIVILIZED PRACTICE
OF KIDNAPPING IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT RADICALIZED MINORITIES
BREAK THE TRANQUILITY AND PEACE OF THOSE PEOPLES WORKING
TOWARDS THEIR DEVELOPMENT. UNQUOTE
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